FIG. 1 PURCHASER INTERFACE

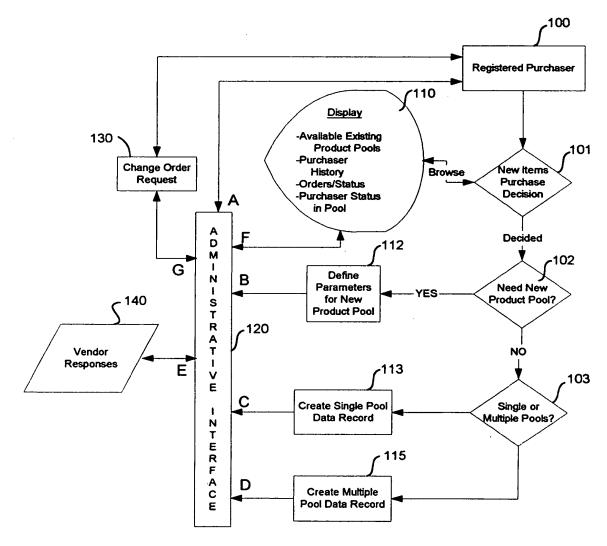
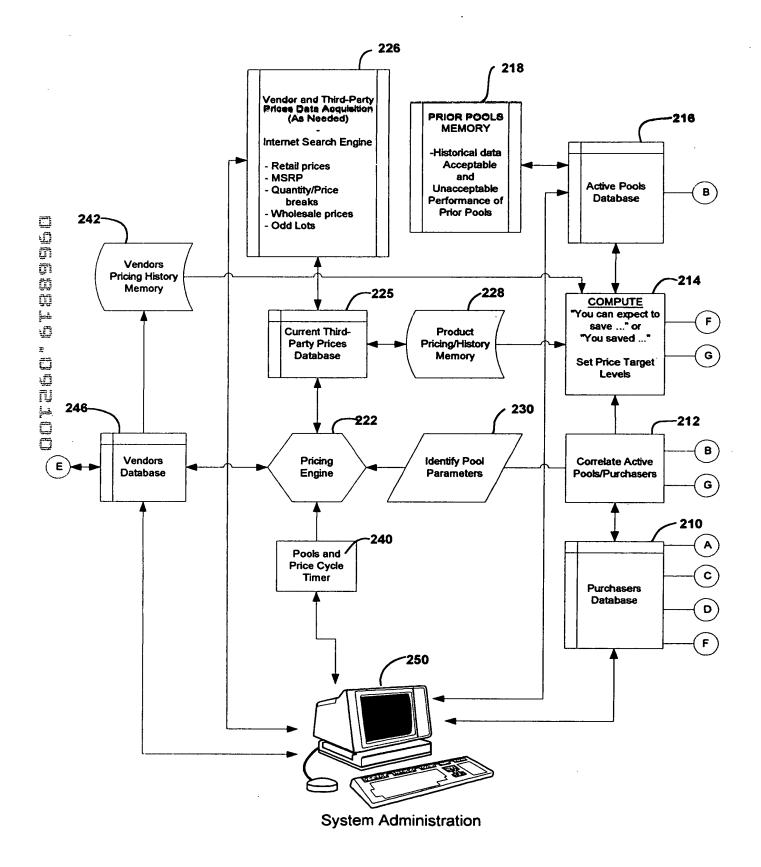


FIG.2
ADMINISTRATIVE PURCHASER/VENDOR INTERFACE



**PRICING PROCESS** 312 310 CALCULATE/DISPLAY **RECEIVE THIRD PARTY PRICE** MSRP AND "STREET INFORMATION PRICE" 314 316 CALCULATE NONBINDING CALCULATE EARLY **EXTRAPOLATED LOW PRICE BUYERS COMMITMENT** BASED ON DATA IN VENDORS PRICE AND OBTAIN EARLY HISTORYAND THIRD PARTY **BUYERS' COMMITMENT** PRICE TRENDS 320 T GE - 322 **CALCULATE PURCHASE** CALCULATE/DISPLAY OFFERS TO VENDOR(S) BASED ON POOL SIZE, "You can expect to save ...: E o T THIRD PARTY PRICE FOR SINGLE OR MULTIPLE BREAKS, EXTRAPOLATED ITEM ORDERS **LOW PRICE** شظ L) 327 325 ≅ IS THERE AN **NOTIFY BUYERS** ACCEPTABLE NO-D VENDOR OFFER? **CLOSE POOL** -332 YES 330 **OBTAIN LATE BUYERS'** CALCULATE LATE BUYER **COMMITMENTS AND COMMITMENT TARGET** NOTIFY EARLY BUYER(S) PRICE AND EARLY BUYER OF EARLY BUYER PRICE PRICE ADVANTAGE **ADVANTAGE** 334 **NEGOTIATE** WITH VENDORS **UNTIL POOL CYCLE TIMES** OUT **- 336** 340 CALCULATE **NOTIFY BUYERS** AND VENDORS **FINAL PRICES** AND CONDUCT **CLOSE POOL OR** CHECKOUT POOL CYCLE **PROCESS** 342 -INTEGRATE **MULTIPLE POOL PURCHASES** (IF APPLICABLE)

FIG. 3

FIG. 4
PURCHASER POOL FORMATION DETERMINATION

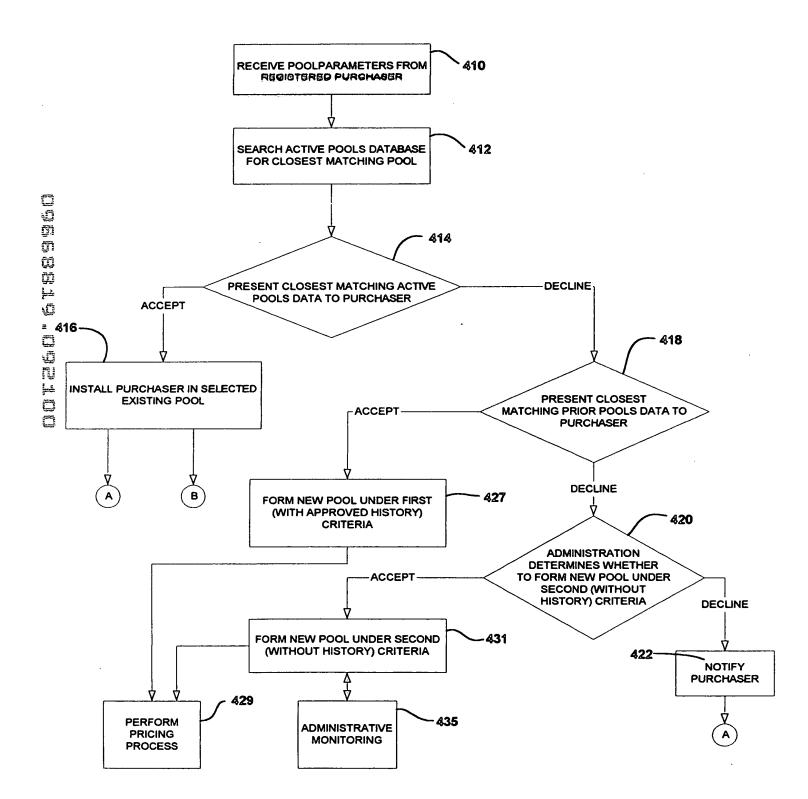


FIG. 5 VENDOR POOL FORMATION

